

MINUTES

June 14, 2007

The State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors met on June 14, 2007, in Conference Room Bayberry Rooms 3 & 4 at the Lodge Conference Center at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Georgia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doris I. Willmer, PE, Chairperson
Elmo A. Richardson, Jr., PE/LS, Vice-Chairman
William W. Dean, PE
Guy F. Ritter, PE
Stephen R. Richards, PE
E. Scott Evans, Public Member
James W. Butler, LS

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mark E. Chastain, LS
E. Charles Vickery, PE

STAFF PRESENT:

J. Darren Mickler – Board Executive Director
Julie Busbee – Application Specialist/Board Secretary
Sharon Harrison – Investigative Assistant

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE:

Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General

GUESTS PRESENT:

Harry Graham, PE, representing LAI Engineering
Kelly Sak, PE, representing LGO Consulting
Jim Willmer, PE, representing Willmer Engineering

Call to order:

At 9:46 am, Chairperson Willmer called the meeting to order and asked for any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. Mr. Richardson moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Willmer presented a draft of the May 15, 2007 minutes and asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Richardson moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

Professional Societies and Guests:

Ms. Willmer recognized the guests present: Harry Graham, PE from LAI Engineering, Jim Willmer, PE from Willmer Engineering and Kelly Sak, PE from NGO Consulting.

Executive Director Report:

Mr. Mickler reported that LSIT and LS grades are in and those who have passed have been certified or licensed. Mr. Chastain and Mr. Butler called all those who passed the Land Surveyor exams and were licensed. Ms. Busbee also reported that the PE and EIT grades arrived his week and will be posted soon.

Mr. Mickler asked which Board members were interested in attending the Annual NCEES meeting in Philadelphia in August. Mr. Butler and Mr. Dean expressed interest.

Mr. Mickler announced that he has asked for letters and/or proclamations from the Governor and both Senators Chambliss and Isaakson recognizing the Board's 70th anniversary and the 100th anniversary of licensure of engineering in the nation.

Old Business:**Task Force Reports:**

Ms. Willmer reported that she met in May with Karen Handel, Secretary of State in Macon at the joint Board chairpersons' meeting. Ms. Handel has a budget for studying the licensing boards' efficiency. The focus of the meeting was about the investigation and complaints component of the licensing boards. Ms. Willmer mentioned that she had pointed out to Ms. Handel and Shawn LaGrue, Inspector General, that the Cognizant Board Member spends an average of one hour reviewing a case before it is assigned to Investigations.

Ms. Willmer reported that Ms. Handel was supportive of an electronic newsletter and using the publications of the industries to report information about the Board. Ms. Handel noted that there is no budget for mailing out newsletters. Ms. Willmer also reported that Ms. Handel is not in favor of raising fees.

There will be called Board meeting on July 25 and the August 14 meeting will be changed to an application worksession.

GPS Standards:

Mr. Butler reported that Mr. Chastain has e-mailed a draft regarding GPS Standards and will present it at the next meeting. Mr. Butler will ask Mr. Chastain to e-mail the draft to the rest of the Board to be familiar before the next meeting.

New Business:**NCEES National Legislation Items:**

Ms. Willmer reported that there are 24 items of legislation on which she will be voting at the Annual NCEES meeting. She asked that the Board members review and give her their comments before August 22, so that she will be able to represent the Board's wishes at the Annual meeting.

Reading Articles to Earn PDH's:

Mr. Mickler reported that he received an e-mail request from NCEES regarding reading magazine articles to earn PDH's. Mr. Ritter reported that he has participated in reading articles for PDH's. There followed a general discussion regarding continuing education requirements.

Executive Session:

At 11:00 am Mr. Richardson moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on complaints and investigative reports. Mr. Ritter seconded. Motion carried.

The following Board members were present during Executive Session – Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Dean, Mr. Evans, Mr. Richards, Mr. Butler and Mr. Ritter.

Reconvened Open Session at 1:05 pm with the following Board members present – Chairperson Willmer, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Evans, Mr. Richards, Mr. Butler and Mr. Ritter.

Investigations and Complaints:

Mr. Ritter moved, and Mr. Evans seconded, to accept the following recommendations made during the Executive Session. Motion carried.

Accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order from Adel Mikhail, PE012690 for unlicensed practice of land surveying.

Accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order from William C. Clonts, representing Tru-Line Surveying, Inc. for unlicensed practice of land surveying.

Accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order from Richard Ronk, representing Tru-Line Surveying, Inc. for unlicensed practice of land surveying.

Accept a Consent Agreement for Renewal from Aubrey C. Littleton, Jr., PE018668, placing his license on probation to run concurrently with Florida Board's probation and require him to submit a copy of a certificate of completion in Engineering Professionalism and Ethics that is required by the Florida Board.

PELS01100112 – This case involved a previous request for Voluntary Surrender with a large fine. The recommendation was to drop the fine and seek a Voluntary Surrender.

PELS030010 – This case involved a land surveyor with allegations of assisting unlicensed practice. Send to Legal Services to seek a voluntary surrender.

PELS030027 – This case involved a land surveyor with allegations of unprofessional conduct. Close as resolved.

PELS040051 – This case involved a non-engineering firm with “engineering” in the name. The firm has removed the word “engineering” from their name. Close as resolved.

PELS070051 – This case involved a professional engineer with allegations of plan-stamping. Obtain a Cease and Desist against the unlicensed person for unlawful practice and obtain a Consent Order from the Professional Engineer with suspension of his license for 2 years and \$1000 fine.

PELS070056 – This case involved a land surveyor with allegations of plat-stamping. Obtain a Cease and Desist Order against the unlicensed person for unlicensed practice and obtain a Consent Order from the Land Surveyor with suspension of his license 2 years and \$1000 fine.

PELS070031 – Refer this case to the Attorney General for a Cease and Desist Hearing.

Legal Services received a request from an attorney for certified copies of a licensure application. Deny request.

Reinstatements:

Mr. Dean moved to reinstate the following licenses:

Robert Howerton, PE009715
Harold Schwartz, PE06777
Robert Forrest, PE024339

Mr. Richards seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Richardson moved to reinstate the following licenses:

George Jensen, PE019476

Mark Landers, PE023159

Mr. Dean seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Ritter moved to reinstate Joseph Springer, PE024896. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried.

Board Memo Comity Model Law Applicants:

Applicants for registration as Professional Engineers by comity, who have an ABET engineering degree, who have taken and passed an 8-hour fundamentals of engineering (EIT/FE) exam, who have a minimum of 48 months post graduation engineering experience as determined by a staff evaluation using the present Board guidelines, who have taken and passed an 8-hour principles and practice of engineering exam (PE Exam-taken at least 4 years after BS degree), and who comply in every way with the provisions of the appropriate law are as follows:

32102 Bartlett, William G.	32103 Chap, Laura E.	32104 Downs, Robert L.
32105 Hawkins, Kent T.	32106 Keene, Joseph F.	32107 Krogh, William A. Jr.
32108 Lucy, Andre D.	32109 McDaniel, Benny L.	32110 McEvoy, Donald W.
32111 Moss, Patrick D.	32112 Maskol, Brian J.	32113 Penney, Kenneth G.
32114 Ramaker, Terry J.	32115 Schmidt, Kevin W.	32116 Worley, Christine E.
32117 Buchanan, Laura M.	32118 Cervantes, Alfredo	32119 Miller, Matthew D.
32120 Moore, Allen R.	32121 Schroth, Steven e.	32122 Wanders, Stephen P.
32123 Westfall, Kenneth R.	32124 Mays, Ronald H.	32125 Abdallah, Rami
32126 Grieshaber, John O.	32127 Kessinger, Steven K.	32128 Mongitore, Donald A.
32129 Payne, Jonathan C.	32130 Schuler, Brian M.	32131 Brown, Donald S.
32132 Hill, Mark D.	32133 Hilpert, Frerich M.	32134 Kelly, Dominic J.
32135 Booth, Duane K.	32136 Braun, Robert E.	32137 Clements, Scott M.
32138 Lowery, Wade H.	32139 Peceny, Robert G.	32140 Barr, Matthew R.
32141 Earley, Aaron S.	32142 Howell, Travis S.	32143 Brown, Donald W. Jr.
32144 Helvey, Jeffrey C.	32145 Watford, Luck	32146 Welch, William R.
32147 Farner, Robert E.	32148 Martin, Katharine A.	32149 Petrak, James J.
32150 Volpe, Mary D.	32151 Albano, Michael K.	32152 Hauck, James J.
32153 Kostich, Nicholas	32154 Adkins, Henry G. Jr.	32155 Fredlund, Timothy W.
32156 Sullivan, Brian H.	32157 Hausmann, Gregory M.	32158 Milanowski, Brad R.
32159 Brightwell, Kevin H.	32160 Demo, David A.	32161 Henderson, Gary S.
32162 Rabens, Guy H.	32163 Williams, Paul R.	32164 Pergola, Joseph A.
32165 Bird, Jon R.	32166 Connelly, Christopher R.	32167 Shaw, Thomas J.
32168 Welch, Matthew L.		

Motion was made by Mr. Richardson to approve these applicants for PE registration by comity @ 43-15-16(a), via 43-15-8(1) and 43-15-9(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans. The motion carried.

There being no further business, at 1:41 pm, Mr. Dean moved to adjourn. Mr. Evans seconded. Motion carried. Some Board members remained to review applications until they were finished.

Board Chairman

Executive Director

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These minutes were approved at the July 31, 2007 meeting.